

### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in the Office Action of allowable subject matter in claims 1-9.

A new Abstract is submitted as required by the Office Action.

The specification has been amended to overcome the objection thereto. No new matter is believed to be introduced by the amendment of the specification.

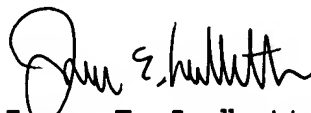
Claims 1, 3-7, 8, and 9 have been amended to overcome the objections and rejections cited in the Office Action. Regarding the issue of "initial values" raised in section 6 of the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed process need not be drafted to define all potential operating states, such as an initial state. Claim 7 has been cancelled and its subject matter re-written in independent form as new claim 10, as suggested in the Office Action.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone

the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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